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AXIS SIGNS PACT TO DIVIDE WAR SPOILS

House Probe
Dips Into
Park Ave.-
Fascist Link

Contacts With Moseley,
Coughlin on Isolation,
Anti-Semitism Told

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Dudley Pierrepont Gilbert, suave Park Avenue socialist who boasts his admiration of Hitler, and James Erwin Campbell, his burly, broad-shouldered aide, told the Dies Committee today that they have spent most of their time recently spreading a foreign policy of isolation and "neutrality."

Reluctant admissions by the two anti-Semitic propagandists and their own letters which were read into the record revealed that they have cooperated with Major General George Van Horn Moseley, treacherous retired army officer, and Father Coughlin in fighting President Roosevelt's foreign policy.

Gilbert and Campbell are the leaders of the American Nationalists, Inc., which at one time aspired to a membership of 3,000,000 but which, they said, is now confined to a committee of 40 "influential citizens" scattered throughout the country.

FRANCO METHODS URGED

The Park Avenue fascist leader told the committee that he believes "the Spanish method may have to be used early this summer." He explained that he meant a military rebellion led by a man like Franco.

There were some of the highlights of the first day of hearings conducted by the Dies Committee at this session of Congress, and one of the very few it has ever conducted on anti-Semitic and fascist activities.

Although some of the letters back and forth between fascist leaders in various parts of the country put into the record contain valuable information, the committee has by no means distinguished itself so far in its new line of inquiry for thorough and searching investigation.

With the exception of General Moseley, no names of big shots and big-time financial angels involved in the support of anti-Semitic and fascist groups have as yet been revealed.

Inadequate investigation was also

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Clipper Reaches
Marseilles on
Third Leg of Hop

MARSEILLES, France, May 22 (UPI)—The Pan-American Clipper arrived at Marseilles Airport here at 3 P.M. (11 A.M. EDT) today on the third leg of the first commercial flight across the Atlantic.

The Clipper, carrying 115,000 letters, flew here from Lisbon, Portugal, covering the approximately 800 miles in six hours and 40 minutes. The actual flying time from Port Washington, N. Y., to Marseilles was 29 hours, 14 minutes.

A 50-mile-an-hour wind across the Berre Basin here did not prevent a perfect landing.

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Pendergast Gets Jail
Term for Tax Evasions

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 22 (UPI)—Tom Pendergast, the boss of the Democratic political machine here, today was sentenced to prison for one year and three months for income tax violation. He also was fined \$10,000.

Sentence was imposed by Judge Merrill E. Otis after Pendergast, the man who made Senators and Governors, had pleaded guilty to charges of income tax payment evasion.

The sentence meant the end of the political career of the 67-year-old man whose every appearance was that of the cartoonist's conception of the political overlord.



18,000 at
Garden for
Spain-Aid
Rally

People Will Drive Out
Invaders, Del Vayo
Tells Throng

The Spanish people will regain their freedom, Republican Spain's Foreign Minister Julio Alvarez Del Vayo last night told 18,000 persons in Madison Square Garden.

The enthusiasm with which Americans followed the Spanish people's "epic struggle to maintain their national independence and their dignity as human beings," Del Vayo said, "has won for you the eternal gratitude of all Spaniards who stand for a Spain that will be worthy of a people that has shown its high qualities in the most difficult and dramatic moment of its history."

"What I want to do is to draw your attention to the plight of the half-million Spaniards who have lost their homeland—lost it momentarily—sure though they are to reconquer it again and who are bearing up now under difficulties and sufferings because they are sustained by this conviction."

FRANCO REPRESSIONS

He said that the Spanish-American by aiding "the speedy and inevitable rebirth of the third Spanish Republic" had proven their loyalty to the ideals of American democracy.

The French papers in the last few days have been publishing appalling figures on the repression there (Franco Spain). They report the execution of 35,000 people in Madrid; of 15,000 in Valencia, of 25,000 in Catalonia, they set a 400,000 the number of people held in the concentration camps of Madrid alone. These figures we ourselves cannot check on, as yet. But of this there is no doubt: the repression in Franco Spain is monstrous and is terrible."

The platform as Del Vayo spoke, were more than 200 leading Americans who accepted invitations of the Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy and the Spanish Confederated Society to Aid Spain to demonstrate their support of the Spanish Loyalist cause.

Other speakers were Archibald MacLeish, leading American poet, Fannie Hurst, distinguished American novelist, and others.

Twenty Coughnites, picketing the Garden meeting in disruptive fashion, were arrested and taken to Night Court on disorderly conduct charges for staging a demonstration without a permit.

Kuhn, Nazi Aide
Appear Before
Grand Jury

Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund and his chief lieutenant, James Wheeler-Hill appeared yesterday before the New York Grand Jury.

Kuhn was known to have appeared in answer to a subpoena issued by District Atty. Thomas E. Dewey, who last week said he would submit data involving "suspicion of substantial felonies" concerning Kuhn to the Grand Jury. Wheeler-Hill's appearance was unexplained.

The two Bundists appeared at the jury room at 10:25 A.M. and left at 11:35 A.M.

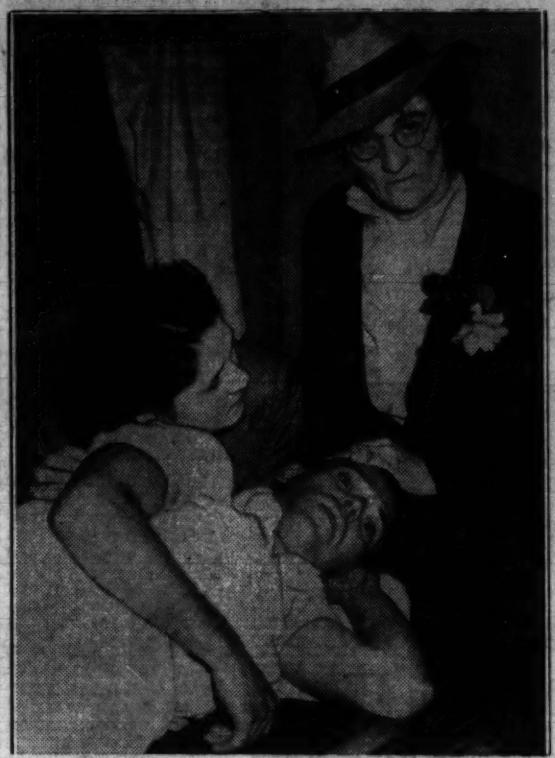
Amie Named
Assistant by
Frank Murphy

WASHINGTON, May 22 (UPI)—Attorney General Frank Murphy today named Thomas R. Amie, former Progressive Congressman from Wisconsin, as a special assistant at \$4,600 annually.

Judge Otis remanded Pendergast to the custody of the U. S. Marshal and said that he would begin serving his sentence immediately. Pendergast will be taken to the prison at Leavenworth, Kan., 40 miles from here, later today, it was understood.

President Roosevelt nominated Amie to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission but withdrew the nomination when it became apparent the Senate would not confirm him.

Harlan Striker Shot by Thug



MOTHER AND WIFE (left) comfort Eugene McLaughlin, Harlan coal mine striker who was shot in the thigh by the driver of a company truck carrying scabs to work in the closed mines of the Twy Co. Company. Though several National Guardsmen were present at the time of the shooting, no attempt was made to prevent the action nor was McLaughlin's assailant arrested. Photo was taken in the X-ray room of Harlan Hotel.

Mayor, Union
Win Battle of
Queens Buses

Double-Barreled Victory
Against Bee Line Ends
Four-Year Term

Mayor LaGuardia's fight of more than four years against the anti-union Bee Line, which he charged with gyping the city out of millions of dollars, ended yesterday in a double-barreled victory.

Union labor and the City of New York were the winners.

The Bee Line, which four-and-a-half years ago replaced union drivers with strikebreakers following a walkout, was ordered by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court to cease operation in the D Zone, Queens.

The North Shore Line, which holds the city franchise to operate, appeared on the route with 80 new buses, all driven by union drivers, members of the Amalgamated Association of Streetcar, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America, A. F. of L.

The Mayor had mobilized his forces early in the morning for a show-down.

First on the scene—168th St. and Hillside Ave., Queens—were seven police under command of a sergeant.

The cops got their orders and deployed.

Then down the street over the old Bee Line thundered the eighty buses of the North Shore Co., all properly franchised to operate.

BATTLE OF THE BUSES

But the Bee Liners, who had operated under court protection in Queens for 6 years without paying a cent to the city, also lumbered up to the scene of the test.

The battle of the buses was on.

But the cops had their orders direct from City Hall. They board-

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Report Two U. S.
Prelates to Be
Made Cardinals

VATICAN CITY, May 22 (UPI)—Vatican prelates reported tonight that Pope Pius XII intends to convoke a consistory next month at which five new cardinals will be named. Including two from the United States.

According to these prelates, Archbishop-Elect Joseph Spellman of New York and Archbishop John Mitty of San Francisco are most likely to be elevated to the College of Cardinals.

President Firm
On Recovery,
Tells Retailers

WASHINGTON, May 22 (UPI)—President Roosevelt tonight said that the administration will not abandon any of its social and economic reforms, vigorously defended the New Deal investments, and said that widespread efforts to aid the nation's submerged classes would continue unabated.

Speaking at the first forum of the American Retail Federation, the President assailed critics who shed "crocodile tears" over the size of the national debt, and accused Republicans of "merchandizing horror" about it by holding a "national debt week" this week.

He also criticized the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, whose recent convention he refused to address.

He riddled the economic theories of "highbrow columnists" and some "high-gearred economists," reaffirmed his opposition to substitution of the dole for work relief and demanded that the present proportion of tax payments be maintained.

The President said he believed that the retailers are sympathetic toward the objectives of the New Deal and he invited all business leaders who feel the same way to cooperate with the government. One of the functions of government, he said, is to see to it that the making of profits through certain processes will not destroy our fellow men who are our neighbors.

The two were Forrest W. Davis and William J. Fallon. Their guilty pleas left Manton and George M. Spector as the two remaining defendants to face prosecution for attempting to defraud the government of the services of one judge, and taking cash bribes to block the administration of justice.

The former judge heard his two co-defendants enter their pleas with a flushed, angry look. Davis is an accountant and Fallon a former stock broker. Both defendants had close business relations with the indicted judge.

John L. Lotsch, a fifth defendant had already pleaded guilty before the trial opened. Spector is an insurance broker. Both defendants had close business relations with the indicted judge.

While not being tried on direct charges of bribery, the indictment secured by United States Attorney John T. Cahill charges Manton with having accepted bribes totalling \$106,000 while on the bench.

Manton and Spector are being tried before Judge W. Galvin Chestnut of Maryland.

The opening session in Manton's case was taken up yesterday with counsel for both sides attempting to select a jury from 135 talesmen of the blue ribbon panel.

The trial is being conducted before Justice Francis D. McGurn.

More Bodies to
Be Exhumed in
Deathring Probe

PHILADELPHIA, May 22 (UPI)—Coroner Charles H. Hersch today ordered exhumation of two more bodies in the investigation of Philadelphia's fantastic mass murder for insurance syndicate blamed for more than 100 deaths.

These persons, he said, are the same ones who in 1929 said that conditions were sound when luxurious office buildings, hotels and

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Boy Scout Color Guard at Fair



SIX BROOKLYN SCOUTS will be part of the color guard at the meeting on Brooklyn Answers International Wednesday night at the Academy of Music. Left to right at World's Fair, Edward Stanford, Troop 198; Rudolph Cascone, Troop 248; Field Ecker, Troop 319; Batista Federa, Troop 14; Richard Condon, Troop 155 and Alexander Pepe, Troop 155.

Rome-Berlin
In Vow to
Continue
Aggression

7-Point Military Tie
Aims at Europe and
African Aggression

BERLIN, May 22 (UPI)—A ten-year military alliance said to be of "offensive character" converting the Rome-Berlin Axis into a fighting pact stretching across Europe from the Baltic and into Middle Africa was signed today with heavy pomp and ceremony in the Chancellery.

The seven-point alliance designed for "either peace or war" was published textually but Italian quarters announced that it would be supplemented by secret agreements dividing Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa in Nazi and fascist zones of influence.

Foreign diplomats appeared most impressed by what they described as the "offensive character" of the alliance, binding either Germany or Italy to support the other in taking the initiative in a conflict.

The reported secret agreements dividing up zones of influence were expected by many diplomats to provide:

1—A free hand for Germany in Hungary, Rumania, Turkey and Morocco.

2—Germany's recognition of Italy's "right" to advance its interests in Yugoslavia, Greece, Bulgaria.

3—Agreement that Spain and the Near East, notably the Moslem lands, should be spheres of mutual concern.

Virgilio Gayo, editor of the Giornale d'Italia, who accompanied Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano here for the signing, sent a dispatch to Rome saying that three secret conventions would be attached to the published pact.

SECRET WAR CLAUSES

These secret clauses, to be elaborated by separate commissions established by the two governments, would provide for (1) detailed military assistance in event of war, (2) economic collaboration in peace of war and (3) division of zones of influence of the two powers in Europe, the Mediterranean area and in Africa.

Despite the professed desire for "peaceful" settlements in Europe—Italy's Mediterranean claims against France as well as the Polish-German dispute—Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano and Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop made it clear that the alliance was intended as a counter-blow to the Anglo-French front in Europe.

The officially announced alliance provides:

1—Germany and Italy agree to pursue a common policy on all questions of common interest or touching the general European situation.

2—If their common interests are "endangered" in any way "they will enter into consultation concerning measures necessary to protect their interests" and "if the security of other vital interests of either party shall be threatened from the outside the other party will lend the threatened party full political and diplomatic support in order to eliminate the threat."

3—If either Germany or Italy should become involved in war, "the other party will immediately come to his side as an ally and support him with all military power, on land, sea and air."

4—In order to carry out these commitments both Italy and Germany will "deepen their cooperation on military grounds and in the field of military economy" and will "remain in regular consultation concerning other measures necessary to the practical effectuation of these obligations."

5—The two nations agree that "in case of a commonly conducted war to conclude an armistice and peace only in full agreement with one another."

6—Both powers "recognize the significance of their joint relations to the powers friendly to them" and are "determined to maintain these relations and regulate them on a common basis, binding them to these powers."

Chile Dedicates World's Fair Pavilion



STATE BUILDING of the Chilean Government was dedicated Sunday at the World's Fair. Photo at top shows a general view of the dedication ceremonies. Above is Ambassador Alberto Cabero speaking at the opening and at the right is Gaucho Federico Salinas, guide at the pavilion.

—Daily Worker Photos

Chinese Plea Is Blocked in League By London, Paris

Soviet Union Backs Wellington Koo's Demand That League Place Sanctions Against Tokio; U. S. Action Cited; Warn of Axis War Moves

GENEVA, May 22 (UP).—Great Britain and France tonight defeated the efforts of China and the Soviet Union before the League of Nations Council to establish sanctions against Japan.

The Soviet-Chinese proposal was submitted and vetoed while British and French Foreign Ministers continued negotiations with Soviet officials.

The Soviets, in their discussions at Geneva, criticized the British for attempting to "hang" the proposed tri-power mutual assistance pact on Article XVI (sanctions) of the League Covenant at a time when Britain and France refuse to apply Article XVI on behalf of China. The Soviet officials argued that the British already have made the sanctions article an almost worthless instrument by insisting that it must be optional rather than obligatory.

MAISKY BACKS KOO PLEA
The effort to obtain sanctions against Japan was presented to the League council by Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to Paris and League spokesman. He asked the council to establish an international committee composed of powers directly interested in the Far East to coordinate measures including an embargo on oil shipments to Japan, a boycott of Japanese goods and financial and material aid to China.

2—Refusal to sell and ship supplies and war materials to Japan, particularly airplanes and oil.
3—Restriction of imports of Japanese goods.

4—Establishment of a League coordinating committee to organize the sanctions against Japan.

5—Establishment of a committee to investigate the Japanese bombings of Chinese civilian populations and take measures to halt them.

"Until an example is given for determined and effective action in coping with existing aggression those who are conspiring in plans of conquest will not feel themselves to be deterred by either denunciation of their sinister designs or by the progress of rearmament or by piles of new pacts of mutual assistance to halt future aggression," Dr. Wellington Koo said.

Objection by the British and French foreign ministers in effect killed the Chinese demand because a unanimous vote is required for the Council's approval.

Bombers Raid Chungking



WORST RAID in months is staged by Japanese planes as bombs fall in the heart of Chungking, China's capital. Hundreds of civilians were killed and wounded in the attack.



Kokkinaki Says Russian Route Best for U.S. Hop

Soviet Pilot of Non-Stop Flight to America Reveals Observations From Great Hop; Urges Better Weather Stations on Route

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
PARIS, May 22.—The best air route from Europe to the United States lies across North Russia and Scandinavia, Brig. Gen. Vladimir Kokkinaki, Soviet air hero and pilot of the Moscow-America non-stop flight, told newspapermen on his arrival here yesterday on the way home.

Democracies Held Stronger Than Axis

Anglo-French Might Even Without USSR Is Far Ahead of Fascists

PARIS, May 22 (UP).—Military experts taking stock of the resources behind the new Italo-German military alliance signed in Berlin today asserted that the Anglo-French front holds a margin of superiority over the dictatorship even without the enormous fighting strength of the Soviet Union.

The Italo-German alliance, they estimated, is backed by 8,500,000 trained men and 6,200 warplanes.

The powers aligned with the Anglo-French front were said to have 10,700,000 trained men and about 10,200 planes. Should the Soviets and Turkey enter this alignment, its armed forces would be increased to nearly 30,000,000 regular troops and trained reserves and 16,000 fighting planes.

The manpower and planes listed in the Anglo-French front coalition by the French observers include Britain, France, Rumania and Poland.

It was added, however, that in event of war Hungary probably would join forces with the dictatorships and Spain might also join

Drive Against Iron Guards in Rumania Still On

BUCHAREST, Rumania, May 22 (UP).—The official Gazette today revealed continuation of the government's drastic action against Rightist and Iron Guard opposition factions.

Former Minister of Commerce Manolescu Struga, who represents the German Ig Farben Chemicals in Rumania, has been under House arrest since March 16, the Gazette disclosed. No explanation was given but it was assumed that the former minister and several other Rightist leaders under House arrest had made hostile remarks about the government.

17 Killed in Heavy Storms

BELGRADE, May 22 (UP).—Heavy rain and hall storms throughout great areas of Yugoslavia caused 17 deaths, made many people homeless, and caused severe damage to crops.

10,000 MARCH IN PALESTINE LEAGUE BALKS READING OF JEWS' PROTEST BENES PROTEST

Fresh Arab Outbreak Reported in Haifa-Jerusalem Clash

GENEVA, May 22 (UP).—Nearly 10,000 Jewish women today demonstrated against the Chamberlain's new Palestine plan and clashed with a truckload of British soldiers.

The demonstration outside the headquarters of British civil and military authorities coincided with a fresh outbreak of Arab attacks on Jewish settlements in the region of Haifa.

Jewish homes were set on fire at the Ein-Hammatzim settlement in the first direct Arab attack on Jews since announcement last Thursday of Britain's plan to create an independent Palestine state after 10 years of the Jews in a minority of one-third.

The women marched to the offices of the British commandant at Jerusalem's King David Hotel behind Henrietta Szold, 79-year-old Zionist leader from the United States, and Mrs. Isaac Herzog, wife of Jerusalem's Chief Rabbi.

PRESENT PROTEST

Received by Government officials, a delegation of women handed over a protest petition "written in the blood and tears of Jewish manhood the world over."

The clash occurred outside the hotel, headquarters for the civil and military leaders, when a British military truck attempted to break through the line of women. The crowd hailed the truck and a woman seized a soldier from it, disarmed him and broke his rifle.

The Jewish National Council, highest Jewish body in Jerusalem, went ahead with plans for a vigorous campaign of civil disobedience against Britain. The five-point plan of the Council would prevent organized Jews from cooperating in any way with either British or Arabs.

King and Queen Meet Quintuplets At Toronto

TORONTO, Ont., May 22 (UP).—The meeting of the Dionne quintuplets with King George VI and Queen Elizabeth today was the least formal audience of the royal tour. The quints were presented in the Lieutenant Governor's quarters in the Parliament Building.

With them were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne, and Dr. Alan Roy Rafto, who brought them into the world. The children kissed the Queen, who returned the embrace.

Presbyterians Meet On Unity, War Issues

CLEVELAND, May 22 (UP).—Delegates from all parts of the country were gathering today for the 15th general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to decide its attitude on war and church unity.

The concave will open tomorrow with a pre-assembly conference of Evangelism. The seven-day convention proper will open Thursday.

More than 925 commissioners representing 2,000,000 members are scheduled to act on several formal overtures from Presbyterians calling for possible union with the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern).

MANILA WELCOMES 226 RED NAVY SAILORS; FOUR MINE-LAYERS ON SHAKEDOWN CRUISE



Captain Medvedeff said the mine-sweepers are new, having been built, launched and commissioned only last year. They were not yet armed, and it was said they will be equipped with armaments upon their return to the U.S.S.R.

Each of the 383-ton vessels is 195 feet long, 25 feet in the beam and has a draft of 6.25 feet, and can make 14 knots.

Toledano Lashes Morones-Green Tie

Head of Powerful Mexican Unions Exposes Link of Discredited 'Labor Leader' and AFL Head Against Cardenas and Roosevelt

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, May 22.—Vicente Lombardo Toledano, Latin American trade union leader, last week vigorously condemned efforts of Luis N. Morones, discredited Mexican "labor leader," and William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, to resurrect the defunct Pan-American Federation of Labor as a weapon against the progressive administrations of President Lazaro Cardenas in Mexico and President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the United States.

Toledano, who is President of the Latin American Confederation of Labor (C.T.A.L.) and General Secretary of the powerful Mexican Confederation of Labor (C.T.M.), charged that Green and Morones were conspiring for "union among the enemies of the regime of President Roosevelt in the United States and the enemies of the Cardenas regime in Mexico to intervene in the presidential campaigns in both countries on the side of the parties or groups which want to change the progressive policies of the governments of these neighboring peoples."

Toledano issued his statement last Wednesday in a press conference in reply to a published statement by Morones in Washington Tuesday that the Pan-American Federation of Labor is preparing an international conference to take place in Cuba at the beginning of 1940, from which the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the C.T.M. would be barred.

He claims that the "labor movements" of Brazil, Venezuela and Salvador as well as Mexico and the United States were particularly interested. Morones' own C.R.O.M. organization in Mexico is virtually dead, while labor organizations are forbidden in the first three countries named.

LASHES LINK TO TORIES

"In the name of the non-existent Pan-American Federation of Labor," Toledano said, "the political ghost of Luis N. Morones declared yesterday in Washington that this shadow of the dead 'Pan-Americanism' of labor, which was modelled on the political 'Pan-Americanism' of Theodore Roosevelt, will revive its tactic, hated throughout Latin America, of organizing the workers of different nations to subordinate them to the policies of those labor leaders in the United States who are at the service of the imperialist forces."

Toledano compared Morones' use of an anti-Red smokescreen with Green's attacks upon Roosevelt.

Toledano sarcastically added: "But fortunately Morones is as much strength in the social life of Mexico today as he might have in the Dominican Republic. He remains alone as a savior without opportunities to save anybody, because even his conscience was shipwrecked many years ago."

"The maneuver comes too late, because all the representative organizations of the working class of Latin America belong to the Latin American Confederation of Labor, which was organized at a Congress in Mexico City in September, 1938."

Officials said the matter of American nationals publishing Chinese language newspapers in China had been under study for several months but no definite decision had been reached.

Hull also said American officials at Kulangsu, International Settlement at Amoy, were handling the situation there within their own discretion. A landing party of American marines and sailors was put ashore there several days ago by the U.S. cruiser Marblehead to protect American nationals.

Man Arrested For Throwing Note to Queen

TORONTO, May 22 (UP).—An unidentified man was seized by police today after he attempted to throw a note into the automobile in which King George and Queen Elizabeth were returning from Wood-Ridge Racetrack.

An quarry of the King jumped out and picked up the note, the contents of which were not revealed.

Reports Indicate Lost Swedish Airman Is Alive

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., May 22 (UP).—Authorities said today they had received reliable reports indicating that Charles Beckman, Swedish flier who disappeared May 16 while attempting to fly the Atlantic, may have landed his plane in some remote section of Newfoundland.



VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO

in that country. In Venezuela the two trade union centers of the Federal District have just been dissolved.

"It is evident, therefore, that William Green counts upon the assistance of authorities who are enemies of the working class in Brazil and Venezuela to bring back to life the Pan-American Federation of Labor."

Toledano then charged that the real purpose behind resurrection of the Pan-American Federation of Labor lay not in attempts to organize the workers of these countries, but in a double-barreled attack upon Roosevelt and Cardenas.

"He claims that the 'labor movements' of Brazil, Venezuela and Salvador as well as Mexico and the United States were particularly interested. Morones' own C.R.O.M. organization in Mexico is virtually dead, while labor organizations are forbidden in the first three countries named.

"Morones declared that he is trying to resurrect the Pan-American Federation of Labor with the aid of the workers of Cuba. But at this moment there is not a single Cuban union outside the Cuban Confederation of Labor, which is a member of the Latin American Confederation of Labor."

CUBAN DEMOCRATIC PLEDGE

"And, what is more, the present government of the island (Cuba) has given guarantees to the Cuban workers that it will not serve as an instrument of imperialism to divide the powerful Labor Confederation of the country."

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U. S. TO EXPAND SUCCESSFUL FOOD RELIEF STAMP TEST

Increased Surplus Distribution to Go Into Effect in Areas Outside Rochester Today; Enthusiasm Over Plan Spurs Experiment

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 22 (UP).—Directors of the New Deal's stamp plan to increase surplus food distribution prepared today for expansion of the experiment.

For the first time tomorrow, the "food-for-stamps" system instituted by the government to revive business, eliminate malnutrition and dispose of surplus commodities will be extended to welfare clients outside Rochester city limits. Approximately 3,600 Monroe County families on relief rolls will be offered the opportunity to purchase half again as much food as they might ordinarily buy with their money.

The stamp plan, tested here for probable use throughout the nation, began last Tuesday. During the first week benefits were offered only to Rochester welfare clients.

Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation accountants announced today that more than half of the city's 15,000 relief families obtained \$49,989 worth of orange and blue stamps last week.

This total represented \$16,663 worth of new business to grocers and wholesale house operators in the sale of "surplus" commodities, such as eggs, butter, flour, fruits and beans. These foodstuffs were purchased with blue stamps, given by the F.S.C.C. to relief clients in 50-cent lots for each \$1 worth of orange stamps purchased. The orange stamps are exchangeable for any item commonly sold in grocery stores except tobacco and alcoholic beverages.

Charge Fascist Groups Most Active in B'klyn

Answer to Intolerance to Be Given at Big Rally Tomorrow

The Council Against Intolerance in America today charged that Brooklyn has been selected as a "concentration point" for groups spreading propaganda hostile to tolerance and religious equality. Since the first announcement of its rally to be held tomorrow at the Academy of Music, Council officers declared, many Brooklynites have presented evidence showing the existence of a well-organized campaign to foment hatred and bigotry.

Mrs. Albion McCormick, administrative director of the Council asserted: We have been told of the nighly appearance of soapbox orators who preach anti-Semitic and threaten violence against officials of the Government. We have received copies of pamphlets and newspapers circulated throughout Brooklyn, containing the most scurrilous and unfounded attacks upon various religions and races.

We have received reports that there are more than fifty organizations in Brooklyn, some secret, some open, whose sole purpose is to foster un-American principles of hate and distrust.

The Council is sponsoring Brooklyn's answer to intolerance, a civic rally at the Academy of Music tomorrow evening. Speakers include Senator James M. Mead, Compiller Joseph D. McGoldrick, Council President Newbold Morris, Councilman Michael Quill, Dr. Francis Shea, Rev. Dr. John Paul Jones, Father William C. Kieran, Rev. James B. Adams and Estelle Sternberg. George Gordon Battie will preside.

More than 500 Brooklyn educators and clergymen have accepted invitations to be the Council's guests on that night. Boxes will be occupied by other civic and social leaders. Plans are being made for an overflow crowd.

Business Not Being Coerced, Buyers Told

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22 (UP).—Assistant Attorney General Thurman W. Arnold told the National Association of Purchasing Agents today that the government "is not coercing business" but is freeing it from restraints which business itself desires removed.

Arnold restated the administration stand on enforcement of anti-trust laws.

Three Millionth at Frisco Fair



LOOKING FOR HER SON, Mrs. Nellie A. Morgan, left, of Phoenix, Arizona, visited the San Francisco Fair. As she drove through the gate with Mildred Axteil, she discovered that she was the 3,000,000th visitor. She received many gifts.

Three Die in Triple Train Wreck



PILE-UP COLLISION of two freights near Bradford, Ohio, derailed a third train which smashed into the wreckage. Three trainmen were killed and four were injured.

Curran Cites Main Issue On Maritime Day

NMU Heads Says Major Problem Is 'Safety at Sea' Campaign

Declaring that National Maritime Day should be devoted principally to "Safety at Sea," Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union yesterday recognized the occasion by declaring:

"We feel that Maritime Day should be devoted to the welfare of the men engaged in the industry. The day should particularly be used to stress the principle of 'Safety at Sea,' for which our union has consistently fought; order an international scale; and increase the standard of living of those men who sail the nation's ships."

In this connection, Mr. Curran emphasized the tremendous advantages the NMU has brought to the men in the industry, and to "Safety at Sea" as well, by lifting the wage scales during the past three years and generally improving the conditions aboard the merchant marine vessels.

Trade Unionists Protest Smith Anti-Alien Bill

Joining the rising opposition to the vicious Smith omnibus anti-alias bill, H. R. 5138, two joint boards and 60 local unions, representing 175,000 maritime, food, furniture, fur, retail employees and white collar workers, advised Willard Bliss, Trade Union Director of the New York Division of the American League for Peace and Democracy, that they had sent telegrams of protest on the measure to the Hon. Hatton W. Sumners, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and then converged on City Hall.

Maj. Joseph Weibel, portraying Capt. Arnold, there made the demand for the keys upon Mayor John W. Murphy, representing the selection. Once they were refused, and then surrendered.

Workers School Summer Classes Get Big Response

A quick and enthusiastic response has greeted the announcement of plans for the second annual Summer School of the Workers School, and a number of the sixty available places have already been filled. The school, which runs from July 5 to August 18, will meet every morning from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., during which there will be lectures, group work, supervised study, and student-teacher consultation.

The fee for the course is \$25. All applicants must present a letter of recommendation from some progressive organization—a Party or YCL branch, a fraternal group, a trade union, etc. etc.

Further information and application blanks will be sent on request. Write to Elizabeth Lawson, Room 301, 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

Cloakmakers Unit Of Peace League Meets Tomorrow

The United Cloakmakers Branch of the American League for Peace and Democracy will meet tomorrow at 5 P. M. at 23 W. 40th St. with Frank Blumenkrantz, organizer of the branch, and Willard Bliss, trade union organizer of the League, as speakers.

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BRIGGS PLANTS CLOSED AS AUTO UNION STRIKES SPEEDUP

15,000 Out; CIO Pickets Hold 24-Hour Line; Plants Tied Up

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, May 22.—All seven plants of the Briggs Manufacturing Company in Detroit were closed today by a strike of Briggs local 212 of the United Automobile Workers Union.

The strike called by the union with the full authorization of the International Executive Board tied up completely all seven plants and affects 15,000 Briggs workers.

Plants such as Plymouth, Dodge, Lincoln, DeSoto will be immediately affected, said union spokesmen today, and within several days 84,000 auto workers will cease work for lack of bodies.

WORKERS REFUSE SPEEDUP

Emil Mazey, president of Briggs Local 212, in an interview with the Record, stated, "The company is to blame for this strike, with their horse-trading tactics; we have attempted to settle at all times our differences peacefully."

"The differences," said Mazey, "between the union and the management arose with the firing of militant union men who refused to accede to speedup."

"The company," Mazey continued, "recently sent home from Department 26, the press room, 200 men for one and half days because they refused to speedup the line."

Other union leaders pointed out that 30 men had been fired since the first of the year, mostly all active militants in the union.

Negotiations with the company have been proceeding for some time. They were broken off last Friday when the company, according to President Mazey, offered a Chamberlain settlement.

The company stated Friday that they would rehire the four men most recently fired if the union would drop its 26 grievances against the company.

If the union would accept such a settlement, the company further stated, "We will give the union a contract which will be good."

REJECT 'APPEASMENT'

This, the union bargaining committee headed by Mazey and Leo Lamont, International Board member, refused on the basis that

Appeasement Offer by Company Rejected; Demand Settlement

single worker remains in any of the seven plants.

Graham-Paige Motors plant also saw a strike today with 400 of the 600 employees striking with the CIO and a handful staying with Homer Martin's company union.

Two picket lines were going at the plant on West Warren Ave. with a solid CIO picket making the goon squad line of the Martinites look sick.

Richard T. Leonard, West Side regional director for the Executive Board of the International, said the dismissal of a member of the union bargaining committee man caused the strike.

Leonard charged that the union man was dismissed at the insistence of Homer Martin.

A conference between Leonard and the management was in progress. No conference or negotiations between Briggs Management and Briggs Local 212 has as yet been arranged since the break-down last Friday.

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TollerHounded By Nazis, Dies A Suicide Here

German Playwright Was
Valiant Fighter
Against Nazis

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United States for his plays, most of which he wrote while in prison in Bavaria from 1919 to 1924 following the overthrow of the Munich Soviet. His "Machine Wreckers" was produced by the Boston Repertory in 1927 and "Man and the Masses" by the Theater Guild in 1924. He was collected under the title "Schwalbenbuch" (Swallowbook), was also author of poems which written in prison.

A life-long friend of Mr. Toller, asked yesterday to characterize him in a word, said "call him the flame—he was always afire with the conviction that human justice could triumph and with a will to make it triumph."

In recent years he was tremendously active in rallying aid for Spain. He was credited with collecting almost half a million dollars for Spanish relief in Denmark and a similar amount in Sweden.

Police said yesterday one of the last entries in his checkbook was the donation of 100 British pounds for refugees reaching Palestine. Only last Friday he spoke over radio station WNYC with Ferdinand Bruckner for the benefit of refugees.

Toller dedicated the last years of his life to the struggle to build the unity of all progressives against fascism.

When he arrived in the United States in October of 1936 he told the Daily Worker:

"The most hopeful sign I see today is the growing union of all peace-loving people, whether they are Democrats, Liberals, Catholics or Socialists against war and war-mongers."

"As war is indivisible so is peace indivisible."

He narrowly escaped a concentration camp in Hitler Germany. His books were publicly burned and the Nazis officially declared him an exile.

Toller was a veteran of the German Army during the World War. He joined the anti-war movement during the last years of the war and in 1919 was a leader of the Munich Soviet which held power during 1919. He was Commissioner of Education in the Soviet.

He is survived by his wife, the former Christina Grautoff, who was a star of the German stage and a protege of Max Reinhardt. She is now playing with a refugee troupe in Hollywood.

**Brown Joins
Roman Catholic
Church Reported**

(By United Press) Heywood Brown, newspaper columnist, confirmed reports today that he would join the Roman Catholic Church.

He said he had been receiving instructions in the church's doctrines from Monsignor Fulton H. Sheen, Professor of Fundamental Theology at Catholic University, Washington.

Monsignor Sheen disclosed Brown's conversion yesterday at a communion breakfast, saying he had been coming here from Washington at various times to give the columnist instructions. He said he expected Brown would be baptized this week.

Brown's family was Episcopalian. His wife is a Catholic.

**4-Alarm Fire
In Queens Homes**

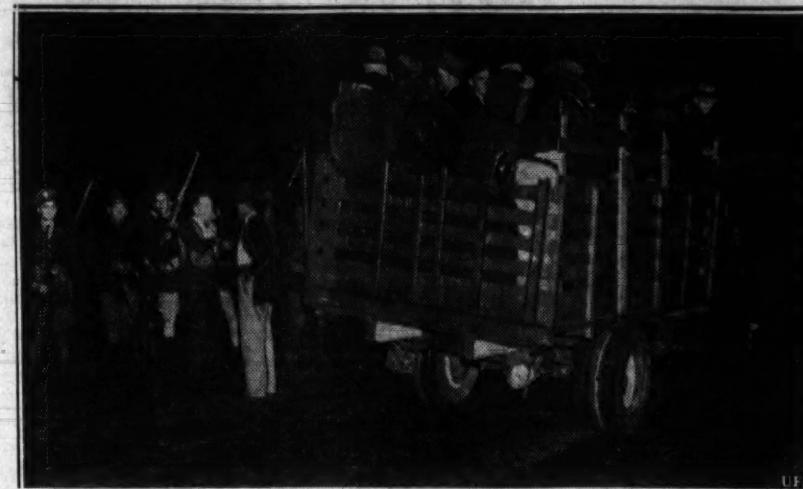
A fire in a section of unfinished six-story apartment houses at Forty-third street and Forty-third avenue in Sunnyside yesterday caused the sounding of four alarms which brought equipment from a large section of the surrounding territory in Queens.

FIRST NATIONAL NEGRO RAIL CONFERENCE COMES TO GRIPS WITH VITAL PROBLEMS IN INDUSTRY; ACT ON LEGISLATION

(Special to the Daily Worker) WASHINGTON, May 22—Negro railroad workers from many parts met in Washington, at the 12th St. branch of the Y.M.C.A. over the weekend for the first national conference of Negro railroad workers ever held. A complete cross-section of Negro railway workers in various crafts on different railway systems was represented in the conference.

Representing organizations with a membership of over 100,000, the conference was opened with a keynote speech by A. Philip Randolph, International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, which called the parley. He stressed in his statement: the necessity for Negro railway workers' yearning to meet the rapidly changing conditions that are taking place in the railroad industry. He advised that various Negro railroad trade unions be coordinated into a national mechanism which can voice the interests of Negro railway workers before Congress on legislation.

Guardsmen Arrest 25 Mine Pickets



KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARDSMEN shown blocking a road near Louellen before arresting the 25 striking miners in the truck who were returning from a picket line.

Mayor, Union Win Battle of Queens Buses

Double-Barreled Victory Against Bee Line Ends Four-Year Term

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ed the Bee Liners and saw that no fares were collected. They were on the look-out against scabs. They were reported to have planned to attack the union drivers on the North Shore Line.

Traffic was snarled. But the Bee Line carried only free passengers. The North Shore buses were given the right-of-way and the union men, who had been fired from the old Bee Line, were on the old route collecting the fares.

It was not a simple matter, however. Attorneys for the Bee Line, who had lost five court cases in 36 hours, aiming to block operation of the franchised line, were in the Brooklyn Appellate Division awaiting a decision which they hoped would go against the city.

CITY WINS FIGHT

But here again the city won. Justice Laansky ruled against a suit to forbid the North Shore Co. to operate.

Throughout the day Mayor LaGuardia directed the operations against the Bee Line from his office at World's Fair City Hall.

When asked about the police action against the franchised buses, he replied:

"We are only trying to do now what the courts told us to do. I would like to point out that for the last three years we have been trying to get rid of this unlawful operation."

He pointed out that during the period of his fight against the company it gave no revenue to the city.

The action of La Guardia was also seen as being in line with his program of unifying the transit lines under municipal ownership.

It is understood the Mayor, who intends to include bus lines in the unification, has laid the base for merging the North Shore Line with other transit lines in merger proceedings.

La Guardia first threatened to put the Bee Line off the streets more than four years ago when the drivers went on strike and the company replaced them with scabs.

He was blocked by Justice Charles B. Lockwood of the Supreme Court who charged that the Mayor had issued a "very queer order" and that he had an "unbridled tongue."

When the Board of Estimate finally gave the franchise to the North Shore Co. two points were included in the agreement to protect labor. They were:

1. The right of collective bargaining.

2. A promise to employ as many ousted Bee Line union men as possible.

ISOLATION PRESSURE

One letter put out by Campbell to his mailing list, which included mainly retired or reserve army officers, urged pressure on Congress to maintain a policy of "strict neutrality."

Rep. Martin Dies described as "too vile" to go into the record one of Gilbert's letters to Campbell in

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Mr. Randolph described the tragic trend of displacement and the character of promotion, stressing the continuous abolition of hiring rights of the Negro rail employees.

TECHNICAL ISSUE

A graphic picture was presented of the elimination of Negro firemen, switchmen, brakemen, and other classes of Negro railroad workers as a result of the introduction of new technological devices such as, mechanical stokers, Diesel engines.

Elmer F. Andrews, Chief of the Wages and Hours Division spoke in considerable detail on the relation of the Act to Negro workers and described how hundreds of thousands of Negro workers would be definitely benefited, especially those engaged in industries of an interstate nature.

One of the sessions of the conference was largely devoted to a discussion opened by the speech of Mr. Murray W. Latimer, Chairman of the Railway Retirement Board.

He invited the conference to set



A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

up a committee to confer with the members of the Railroad Retirement Board on any matters

where there was uncertainty with respect to its nature, also where there is dissatisfaction with the general administration of the Act.

LABOR UNITY STRESSED

A mass meeting was held during the conference at which Robert Watt, special representative of President William Green spoke. He stressed the need for labor solidarity regardless of race, creed, or color.

Mr. M. P. Webster, First International Vice-President of the Brotherhood, who acted as chairman, gave a historical review of the struggles of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

He pointed out that the Brotherhood had held national labor conferences in fifty or more large railroad centers in the country from coast to coast for the purpose of awakening both the Negro workers and the Negro public to the realization that trade union organization was their only salvation.

RESOLUTIONS

A series of resolutions adopted at

FDR Reaffirms New Deal as Recovery Road

Tells Retailers Convention That Administration Is Leading Nation to Firmer Foundation; Hits at "Old Deal Gamblers"

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apartment houses were being built "which consumers did not need and had not purchasing power to pay for."

"They were unrealistic and theoretical when they were predicting their new era in 1933—they are just as unrealistic and theoretical and wrong—when they are prophesying national bankruptcy in 1939."

"OLD DEAL GAMBLERS"

There are two schools of thought, he said, on how consumer purchasing power can be increased. One he described as the "school of the gamblers" who want the government to keep hands off the economic system. He said he used the word "gamble" because there is no modern experience to support their theory.

"In fact, modern experience denies their theory," he said. "Between 1925 and 1933 government abandoned practically all concern for business and put into effect a tax system such as the 'old dealers' dream about. You know how many and how much happened."

Those who play the "I may happen" game, he continued, actually are the "wildest-eyed radicals in our midst, because despite proved failures they want to gamble on their own hunch once more." In comparison, he said that "in the other school of thought we are conservative New Dealers."

"If millions of citizens starve, it is no answer to the starving to say that in the sweet by-and-by business, left to itself, will give them a job," he observed.

These plots were supposedly reported to Gilbert by a waiter in the exclusive New York Harmonic Club who allegedly overheard them made by wealthy Jews.

MYSTERIOUS INFORMANT

This waiter, Gilbert said, was known to him under the name of George Rice, but he was so vague in describing the mysterious informant that considerable doubt exists among committee members as to whether or not he exists.

One of the most amusing side-lights during the day's hearing was Whitley's questioning concerning a series of "predictions" that the waiter reported to him as the product of his eavesdropping in this club.

These predictions were supposed to go into this subject will be seen tomorrow when it calls to the stand Felix McWhirter, treasurer of the Republican State Committee in Indiana and an important national leader of the Republican Party.

MOSELEY ON STAND TODAY

General Moseley and George Deatherage, chief of the Knights of the White Camelia, are also scheduled to testify tomorrow. Nationalists described as one of their main "achievements" the feat of "getting Coughlin" to talk on the radio in opposition to any economic steps to halt Japan's invasion of China.

Early in the day when committee counsel Rhee Whitley asked Gilbert about his connections with the fascist radio priest, he denied that he had any "direct contact" with Coughlin.

Later it came out that he had corresponded with Coughlin, and that Patrick Scanlon, editor of the Brooklyn Tablet, acted as a contact between the two.

Gilbert said that he was "very friendly" with Scanlon and his letters referred to him at "Pat."

Campbell, who handled the work of mailing anti-Semitic material for Gilbert, admitted that he included in many of his mailings, copies of Coughlin's speeches.

Speeches by General Moseley were also one of the favorite items put out by Campbell, and the fascist aide admitted several times having helped arrange mass meetings which Moseley addressed chiefly on subjects of foreign policy.

Some amazing predictions were contained in the reports, and everybody was puzzled until Whitley discovered that the reports were predicated. The actual dates on the envelope in which Campbell sent the reports was always after the actual event.

These predictions were supposed to show just how powerful and influential these Jewish members of this club were. One prediction was about the transfer of the fleet to the Pacific, another about James Roosevelt's trip to Europe and so on.

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Gilbert also followed the practice of "proving" these predictions in the same letter in which he sent the report to Campbell for re-mailing to the group's associates by reference to newspapers after the event took place.

In no case were Gilbert or Campbell able to point to a single event which was actually predicted and a report of which was mailed out before the event took place.

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A.F.L. Hatters Parley Opposes Labor Act Change

Zaritsky Raps Drive
Against Labor's
Magna Charter

Opposition to any tampering with the National Labor Relations Act was voiced yesterday at the convention of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, AFL.

Both in resolutions submitted for action to the convention and in a statement issued by President Max Zaritsky, the AFL union meeting in Hotel Edison, expressed vigorous condemnation of any attempts to change the Wagner Law.

"The Wagner Act," Zaritsky said, "is the Magna Charta of labor. It is the law that establishes its basic rights. Changes in such a basic law can be considered only with the greatest care and should be subject to most thorough scrutiny."

"Very little will be lost if no changes at all are attempted and the entire law may be destroyed by hasty and ill-considered changes."

The report of the general executive board declared that the AFL union had benefited from the act and the work of the National Labor Relations Board had facilitated the gaining of contracts in many cases.

Earlier, the convention heard Elmer F. Andrews, national administrator of the Wages and Hours Law explain the work of his department and the benefits gained by all labor in the establishment of minimum wages.

Mrs. Elinor Herrick, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board, told the 165 delegates representing between 35,000 to 40,000 workers throughout the country, that the Board aided in collective bargaining.

Frieda Miller, Industrial Commissioner of the New York State Labor Department, reviewing the growth of labor legislation in the state, warned that the work of the department "will not remain without the continued support of organized labor."

CIO UNION GREETS PARLEY

Abraham Miller, vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, brought the greetings of the CIO union to the AFL delegates.

Miller urged immediate joint action "on things that unite us." The Amalgamated, he explained, "is proud of its contributions both moral and financial to organizing the unorganized into trade unions," explaining that the need was great for more organization.

The report of the general executive board which will be acted on during the week, told of the organizational progress made by the AFL union in the recent period, its activities in support of the New Deal and progressive legislation through Labor's Non-Partisan League and the American Labor Party, and its activities in support of the anti-Japanese and anti-Nazi boycott.

Discussing the trade problems, the officers' report related various means used by the union to achieve stabilization in the industry.

Workers and consumers are injured by the present "domination of powerful syndicates" in the millinery trade who set prices, and by importers who exact their scales for material sold the manufacturers, the union charged.

An energetic campaign has been undertaken by the AFL union, the report continued, to eliminate "hatter's shacks," industrial disease of workers on fur-felt hats who are forced to work with mercury.

The activities of the union in gaining the benefits of the Walsh-Healy Act and the Wages and Hours Law are also continued in the report, which also warned of the activities of the enemies of labor throughout the country to destroy the trade union movement and President Roosevelt's achievements.

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Alliance Prepares for Right to Work Congress

1,500 Delegates to Convene in Washington June 3rd; Trade Unions, Small Businessmen's Groups to Be Represented; Special Meeting Called

Upon receiving word from Willis Morgan, its New York president now at Washington, that WPA plans to fire 1,300 on theatre projects and make new drastic reductions in other divisions on Federal arts, the Workers Alliance last night called a special membership meeting of all art project workers for Thursday 9 P.M.

The meeting will be at the Union M.E. Church, 228 W. 48th St.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Fifteen hundred delegates elected by popular vote from their respective congressional districts throughout the country, will meet in Washington in the National Right to Work Congress at the Department of Labor Auditorium, June 3rd.

Representatives from trade unions, small business men's organizations, farmers, city and county officials, and civic groups, will also participate in special sessions set aside to deal with the problems relating to each of them.

The congress, originally scheduled for May 27, was postponed a week, on request of many state organizations of the Alliance for more time to prepare their delegations.

A feature of the Congress will be the "See How It Feels" relief dinner on June 7th at the National Press Club Auditorium, at which Senator James E. Murray of Montana and Mike Perkins, head of the Federal Surplus Commodity Division, will speak.

Back of the election of the delegations to the Congress will be all sorts of state and local demonstrations, job marches and similar protest against the slacks in WPA rolls by the "economizers" in Congress.

The Congress will devote its sessions to discussion upon measures necessary to stimulate national recovery.

Attention will mainly center upon the WPA program, extension of old age security benefits and unemployment insurance, and measures to promote construction and stimulate industrial activity.

A tentative schedule until June 10, provides for various activities designed to impress upon members of Congress that their constituents expect them to vote for the maximum WPA expenditures, and other forms of aid to unemployed.

Negro Hospital Aided by FDR's Birthday Fund

Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announced today that the foundation had approved a grant of \$161,350 for the establishment of thirty-six beds for Negroes at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. President Roosevelt is the leading sponsor of the Foundation and its funds are largely raised by the President's Birthday Balls.

Meeting Tonight To Demand Negro Judge in B'klyn

A public meeting demanding a Negro judge for Brooklyn will be held at Public School 35, Decatur St. near Lewis Ave., Brooklyn, this evening at eight o'clock.

The meeting voted to draw up petitions on which to gather signatures of citizens of the area served by the school and to send letter to Mayor LaGuardia, Project Superintendent Roger V. Wood, and Lt. Col. Breton B. Somervell, local Works Progress Administrator, demanding reopening of the school.

The list of speakers include the Negro Court Justice James Watson, Rabbi Alexander Lyon, Eighth Avenue Temple; Ann Arnold Hedgeman, Secretary of the Brooklyn YWCA; the Rev. James B. Adams, pastor of the Concord Baptist Church; J. M. Washington, city marshal and Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

Harlem WPA School Closing Hit By Students

200 Meet at People's Center to Demand Reopening

Two hundred students of the school at the Harlem Peoples Center met Saturday night at the Center's headquarters, 306 Lenox Ave., to protest the recent closing of the school and to demand its immediate reopening.

The school, a WPA project for adult education, was closed when Miss Inez Wilson, Harlem area supervisor of adult education, walked into the midst of classes shortly before noon Monday, May 15, and announced that there would be no more classes. The reason she gave, according to pupils present at the time, was that there was objection to the school's meeting on Workers Alliance premises.

It was brought out at Saturday night's meeting that the school, organized four years ago, had met at the St. Martin's Church, 230 Lenox Ave., until that structure was burned down in January. Since Feb. 6 the Harlem Peoples Center had furnished the school free accommodations, including tables, chairs, blackboards and cleaning materials.

The school had a registration of 512 students from 17 to 73 years of age. Daily attendance was 478, and the hours were from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

The school gave employment to ten qualified teachers supplied by the WPA.

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C.P. Leader Scores Firing of Teacher For Supporting Freedom of Speech

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 22.—Morris Kominsky, Communist candidate for Governor in the last election campaign, yesterday urged the citizens of this city to protest the "undemocratic and unjust persecution" of Joseph Lorenzo, teacher at the Central Evening High School, who was suspended last week for permitting Mr. Kominsky to address a public speaking class at the Central Evening High School.

The suspension order was given by Superintendent of Schools James L. Hanley, without a proper hearing. Mr. Kominsky warned Providence citizens that such arbitrary procedure "augurs ill for the future of democracy in our community."

Asking immediate reinstatement of the teacher, Mr. Kominsky in a plain statement yesterday described to the public the circumstances of

his address at the Evening high school and the subsequent victimization of Mr. Lorenzo.

"One of Mr. Lorenzo's students, who had heard me speak in public, had suggested that I be one of the speakers to address the public speaking class at Central Evening High School. Mr. Lorenzo, acting on this suggestion, had this student inform me to contact him. I, therefore, phoned Mr. Lorenzo and offered my services for a lecture. Mr. Lorenzo neither asked nor was told what subject I would speak about. I had been informed by the student that it was customary, from time to time, to get speakers to address the class, so that the students could study and evaluate the different techniques of various speakers."

"Why was this ruling not enforced in regard to other speakers?" he asked. "Why is the ruling being enforced only in this case?"

"It is my considered opinion that the citizens of Providence should protest Dr. Hanley's arbitrary action," he declared, "and should demand the reinstatement of Mr. Lorenzo with back pay."

Dedicated at Fair



CUBAN BUILDING, left, and Dominican Republic building, right, recently dedicated at the World's Fair. Establishment of annual peace prize of \$50,000 was announced by Dominican officials.

Book Publishers Laud Work of WPA Writers

More Than 40 Address House Investigating Group on Valuable Contributions; Stress Help to Publishers; Urge Project Be Continued

More than 40 book publishers, representing most of the country's major publishing houses, defended the WPA Federal Writers' Project today as a "timely impetus" to publishing and allied industries. They said it was a "genuine, valuable and objective contribution to the understanding of American life."

In a letter to the House Committee Investigating WPA, publishers asked that the work be continued.

"Stress has been put upon administrative difficulties," the letter said. "In our opinion it is remarkable, considering that the project has been operating upon a short-term basis, that the Federal Writers' Project has been able to produce in so short a time some 800 volumes, ranging from full-sized books of over 1,000 pages, complete with maps, cuts and other illustrative matter and careful indexes, to shorter works and has been able to maintain throughout a uniformly high level."

"Aside from any question of the

Hotel Trades Council Wins Poll At Ambassador

The Hotel Trades Council was chosen yesterday as sole collective bargaining agency for the 300 employees of the 17-story, 600-room Ambassador Hotel at 51st St. and Park Ave.

In a State Labor Relations Board election, held in Julia Richmond High School annex at 121 E. 51st St., the union received 190 votes to 86 against.

Jay Rubin, president of the Council, composed of six AFL unions, announced that he would press for an immediate agreement.

The election will be the first held in a hotel which broke away from the Hotel Association of New York to form a new employers' group. The split among the employers results from the refusal of the dissident group, known as the Hotel League, to accept an agreement reached with the AFL Council.

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Negro Court Justice James Watson, Rabbi Alexander Lyon, Eighth Avenue Temple; Ann Arnold Hedgeman, Secretary of the Brooklyn YWCA; the Rev. James B. Adams, pastor of the Concord Baptist Church; J. M. Washington, city marshal and Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

Decoration Day Week-End Program

Saturday, May 27th

Oil Tanker Captain Who Shanghaied NMU Crew Is Tried

Union Presses Charge Against Standard Oil Skipper

A sea captain, sailing under the American flag, was haled before an investigation board of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation here yesterday on charges of carrying out strikebreaking instructions via radiogram from the Standard Oil Co. to change the ship's course to England, whereupon further objections were made by crew members.

The investigation, which began yesterday at the bureau's offices at 45 Broadway, is expected to continue several days, and upon its outcome, it will be decided whether or not the ship's master, Capt. Alex Zefiro, will stand trial and prosecution under federal navigation laws.

Should the sea captain be found guilty by the bureau, the case may lead to an unprecedented trial under the rarely used law against shanghaiing seamen (Section 144, Title 18, United States Code), or under another law, which denies a skipper the right to arbitrarily change course from a coastwise to a foreign voyage while at sea, against the wish of the crew.

SEAMEN BRING CHARGES

The charges against the vessel's master were made by seven unlicensed members of the crew of the oil tanker Walter Jennings, operated by the Standard Oil Co. All tankers of the Standard Oil Co. have been put on strike since April 17. According to the testimony of crew members given before the investigation board, the vessel cleared New York bound for Corpus Christi, Texas, under coastwise papers, and was enroute to the Texas port when the walkout was called by the CIO National Maritime Union.

Members of the crew testified that on the following day, April 18, Capt. Zefiro assembled the crew in the ship's messroom and told them he had received a radiogram from the company, instructing him to change the ship's course and head for Le Havre, France. The captain said he required the consent of the crew for the rerouting, and asked them to take a ballot.

Meanwhile, crew members testified that the captain's attitude was a threatening one, and he refused a request from the crew to allow them to hold a short meeting to decide. "You have five minutes to make

up your minds," the captain was alleged to have told the seamen.

The ballot revealed that 10 of the crew did not want to change course, and the captain's attitude became more threatening. Felix M. Roura, one of the crew who testified yesterday declared while on the witness stand.

A second attempt was made by the captain, upon further radio instruction from the company. It was brought out, to change the ship's course to England, whereupon further objections were made by crew members.

On the third day the captain declared that he had sent the names of the dissenters to the Standard Oil Co. by radio, and then urged third proposal, to sail the ship to Cartagena, Colombia. Under the captain's intimidating threats, the crew finally signed a document permitting the vessel to sail to Cartagena, the witnesses said. All, they charged, signed under duress.

Joseph Courchesne, one of the crew witnesses said while on the witness stand that the crew wanted to sail to the originally designated port, Corpus Christi, where they

had been enroute.

The hearing continues at 45 Broadway tomorrow.

Changed Course of Ship When Crew Wanted to Aid Strikers

could join their fellow unionists in the tanker walkout.

"Our intentions were to do our duty with our union," seaman Courchesne declared.

The seamen were questioned on behalf of the National Maritime Union by William L. Standard, union counsel, and cross-examined by Edwin S. Murphy, counsel for the Standard Oil Co.

Seated at the hearing for the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation were Capt. George Fried, chairman, Capt. James W. Fleming, and Robert S. Smith.

Judge Allan D. Jones, acting director of the Washington office of the bureau, sat at the hearing as legal advisor for the investigation board. Judge Jones put Capt. Zefiro under a sharp and lengthy examination during which time the ship captain contradicted himself repeatedly.

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Danzig Events and The Rome-Berlin War Pact

As a curtain-raiser for the Rome-Berlin war pact signed yesterday, the Nazis provoked bloodshed in Danzig on Sunday.

Uniformed storm-troopers attacked Polish officials and in the clearest case of Polish self-defense, one Nazi storm trooper was killed.

German fascism, now that it has consummated this iron bound pact for world war, desires just such incidents and is out to create many more.

Hitler is waiting for the moment and the pretext to pounce on Poland.

The fascist dictators have made no bones about it. They have signed a war pact merging their murder machinery, their armies and navies, for an onslaught against Great Britain and France specifically. They have pledged to attack in unison to seize British and French territories, or any other soil, Hitler and Mussolini have designated as "Lebensraum," the Nazi name for any area picked out for plunder.

Hitler and Mussolini, by this pact, are pledged to go to war against Poland, Rumania, France, Great Britain, or any other country they believe is in the way of their plunder plans.

While the immediate fascist military threat is in Europe, the American people have much to ponder. Hitler together with Mussolini are plotting for war bases in South America. The Nazis brag about their political gains in Bolivia, Peru, Brazil and other South American nations. If the Rome-Berlin war alliance goes into action, the U. S. will soon be one of its targets.

The people of Great Britain and France, aroused to the new perils, have demanded that the Soviet Union's proposals for a reciprocal peace front be accepted forthwith. So emphatic has the demand become in Great Britain for meeting the Soviet Union's fair and square proposals for an anti-aggression alliance, that William H. Stoneman, Chicago Daily News London correspondent, reported to his paper last Friday:

"Their [the Soviet Union's] requests both for a defensive military alliance and a joint guarantee of the others of Russia's border states have seemed to be reasonable to most people. As a result, a large section of Parliament, most British public opinion and almost the entire British press, are today lambasting the Chamberlain cabinet for its failure to cooperate with Moscow."

Unable to conceal such events as the Danzig Nazi provocations and the Rome-Berlin war pact, the Chamberlains are being compelled to move by British and French public opinion.

But how far have the Chamberlains really gone? Are they meeting the just requests of the Soviet Union for a genuine peace front? Or, is the Chamberlain Foreign Office spreading stories about complying with popular wishes along the lines of an understanding with the Soviet Union when the U.S.S.R.'s reciprocity demands have not yet been accepted?

The security of the United States, too, is involved and not distantly in the peace front developments of Europe. The sooner the Soviet Union's reciprocal proposals are accepted the nearer will be that day when the American people can feel assured that the most effective steps have been taken to block fascist aggression.

Closer relations between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. would add infinite strength to the peace front and to all efforts to preserve world peace.

Once More, Gov. Lehman

Typical of the repressive, undemocratic legislation passed by the Republicans in the last State legislature is the Feinberg bill. This measure, which constitutes an assault upon democratic elections, is now on Governor Lehman's desk.

It was sponsored by State Sen. Benj. F. Feinberg, up-state Republican Tory. For all practical purposes, it would destroy the right of minority parties to appear on the state ballot.

Its real danger appears immediately when one compares it with the present law which already places too heavy difficulties in the way of nominating independent state-wide candidates. Under it, 12,000 signatures with at least fifty from each county is necessary. In the small rural up-state counties, where the reactionary GOP machine has dominated for years, this is a tough job. But under the Feinberg bill—requiring 1 per cent of the voters in each county (about 50,000 signatures)—the job would be virtually impossible.

This is an attempt by the Republicans to keep their corrupt up-state machine in perpetual dominance over the farmers. At a time when party labels are becoming more

indistinct, the Tories want to prevent the people from organizing and voting through parties of their own.

Now is the time to extend democracy in elections. So the people voted when they re-approved proportional representation (giving expression to minority parties) last fall, defeating the Republican-Tammany anti-P. R. amendment. The Feinberg bill is in the same groove as the vicious Berg bills, which the Governor vetoed last year. The people should urge Gov. Lehman to do the same on the Feinberg bill—when the need is even greater.

Coughlin Bigotry Incites Violence

Reports of disturbances caused by the provocations of Coughlinites selling "Social Justice" in the streets of the city cannot but be disturbing to peaceful Americans.

No democratic American wants to see our streets the scenes of disorder, outbreaks and clashes.

But the deliberate spreading of bigotries, race hatreds, "red" bogeys, and anti-Semitism breeds the disorderly results desired by those who engage in this sinister work.

That there are some earnest people among those taken in by Coughlin's Hitler-like propaganda there can be no doubt. These people hate poverty, insecurity, and war. Following the Nazi technique, Coughlin teaches them to hate the Jewish people, to sympathize with Hitler, to hate the very labor and progressive movement which fights for the very things they yearn for—security and peace.

This is what makes the hooligan bigotries shouted by the "Social Justice" sellers so un-American and ominous.

It is encouraging to see that real American, anti-Hitler literature is being sold alongside some of the "Social Justice" vendors. This literature preaches real American equality, tolerance, civil liberty and democracy. It is the antidote to Coughlin's race hatred poison. It is well to remember that Coughlin in no sense speaks for the Catholic Church or the Catholic people.

It is essential for progressive citizens to see to it that such truly patriotic persons selling such literature get the full protection of the law. Every progressive American who hates bigotry can protest at the Coughlin incitements, by purchasing such democratic literature as a demonstration against the "Social Justice" race hatred.

Expert Testimony

The statement of 44 leading book publishers urging the continuance of the WPA Federal Writers Project is expert testimony of the vast social and cultural usefulness of the project's work. Practically every major publishing house in the country signed it. The case for the project could scarcely be put more plainly or constructively:

"The whole country has benefited by the fact that the public has been enabled to purchase volumes of this caliber at a cost well within the average means, thus broadening and enriching the public's knowledge and appreciation of our country.

"It is remarkable . . . that the Federal Writers' Project has been able to produce in so short a time some 300 volumes, ranging from full-sized books of over 1,000 pages to shorter works and has been able to maintain a uniformly high level. Aside from any question of the necessity of maintaining this and the other art projects as a means of self-respecting employment for writers and artists, we are convinced that the entire output of the project can stand squarely upon its own merit.

"To hamper its program at this time would in our opinion be a severe deprivation to the reading public and to the enrichment of our national literature."

Here is a crushing answer to the Tory "economy" men who argue that New Deal social enterprises "undermine the confidence of private business." These 44 private book publishers not only praise the project, but decry its limitations. It is a reply, also, to the anti-New Dealers who have chosen the writers and other cultural projects for special red-baiting.

The publishers sent their statement to Rep. Edward T. Taylor, chairman of the House witch-hunters committee now "investigating" WPA. He ought to get a lot more from people throughout the country.

The Royal Visitors to the Western Hemisphere

King George and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain have participated in numerous ceremonies since these monarchs made history by being the first crowned heads of the British Empire to land in the Western Hemisphere. Yesterday the quints curtsied properly and were each allowed to kiss the royal cheek of Queen Elizabeth.

Chamberlain's publicity machine in connection with this royal pageant to America is at work with all its ball-bearings smoothly oiled.

The King last Friday made a policy speech in Ontario in which he hoped that Canada would more deeply understand unity with the Empire. To this he added for the United States: "I hope also that my visit to the United States will help to maintain the very friendly relations existing between that great country and the nations of the Commonwealth."

What, one asks, is the real purpose of the royal couple's unprecedented visit to Canada and the United States?

The purpose of the Canadian visit is

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World Front

By HARRY GANNES

Gold Registration Decree In Japan Reveals Emptiness Of Japanese War Chest

By her recent decree covering registration of all gold holdings, Japan has made an unwilling confession of her severe financial-economic tension.

Every bit of gold, no matter in what form (with amazingly few exceptions such as gold fillings in teeth and fountain pen points) must be listed with the government. Nor is the Tokio regime interested in statistical games. This is the first step to confiscation.

Here is admission that Japan's war chest is just about empty.

China's leaders are fully aware of these basic facts and many more which the Japanese have not yet let out. Speaking of Japan's coming catastrophe, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in an address in Chungking on Sunday said he hoped that "the Japanese collapse would not come too late to avert a vast war involving the entire globe."

In the May 24 number of the Far Eastern Survey (a fortnightly research publication of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations) there appears an article which uncovers some surprising truths about Japan's economy and foreign trade as conditioned by Nipponese aggression in China.

The author, Miriam S. Farley, says that Japan's war "has led to violent dislocation of established trade channels and instead of a war boom there have been losses all along the line."

Japan is suffering especially from an acute shortage of foreign exchange. This is forcing severe curtailment of purchases of raw materials from abroad. In an effort to overcome this situation a rigid control of imports has been imposed, but even the trade in war materials, says Miss Farley, has felt the pinch of restriction.

Hence, the Japanese government is getting ready to relieve the Japanese people of their gold rings and the like, and, if the Tokio treasury could have its way, with the approval of the military, all gold teeth would also be pulled.

Japan's financial difficulties have produced a peculiar phenomenon. The money of the boastful aggressor imperialist power (the Japanese yen) is valued below the Chinese dollar, the currency of the attacked nation. In brief, China's money has a stronger backing than that of Japan. This seems paradoxical, and when the war started it appeared almost impossible to certain skeptics and friends of the Japanese aggressors.

But Japan's highly integrated economy was sapped by its giant war machine, and when Chinese resistance compelled the expenditure of ten times the amount calculated by the Tokio strategists to attain one-twentieth less than the objectives anticipated, the results were disastrous to Japanese economy.

Meanwhile, China's more flexible economy, and the retention of economic and political control by China in vast areas claimed by the Nipponese aggressors, gave China an advantage that her enemies did not foresee.

Besides losing heavily all around in foreign trade, always so vital to Japan, her war economy has worked to the advantage of her competitors in markets where Tokio previously was making speedy headway.

The difficulties heaped upon Japan's export trade," writes Miss Farley, "have proved boons to her competitors. For instance, the competitive position of American manufacturers has been strengthened in Latin America and the Philippines, as well as in the home market; and there seems to have been some shift in American purchases toward Europe as well.

"For the sake of anticipated greater gains in China, Japan has deliberately given up advantages in her older markets."

But in South America and the Philippines the Tokio aggressors are cooperating with the Rome-Berlin axis, endeavoring by political intrigue to make up what is being lost in trade. Tokio is especially concentrating in the Philippines for this purpose.

Japan's economy and finance have been so weakened by the aggressions in China that even partial restrictions on war materials from the United States would do a drastic effect.

Japan still counts on certain credit resources in the United States to carry her along. When the records are finally examined it will be found that such financiers and trust magnates as J. P. Morgan, the duPonts and Henry Ford, are contributing in more ways than one in a futile effort to save Japan from the catastrophic effects of her rapidly erupting economic crisis.

Within Japan the political consequences are varied. Though there are very few reports about it, we can be certain that mass discontent is growing. The results on top are more visible in the press. We already read of sharp conflicts over policy, whether to take the desperate plunge along with the Rome-Berlin military pact or whether, more concentratedly, to court "appeasement" concessions.

doubt, is to try to keep Canada close as the main arm of the Empire for British Tory policy in the Western Hemisphere. The liberal, progressive, democratic forces of Canada have been more and more viewing the role of Canada as a partner of American democracy against reaction, tyranny, and Munich betrayals to fascism.

When the King speaks of friendly relations between this country and Great Britain he is not specific enough. There is no doubt that between the vast majority of American people who love liberty and peace and the democratic peoples of Great Britain there is the most harmonious rapport against that great country and the nations of the Commonwealth.

But if Chamberlain thinks he can hoodwink the American people through the royal pageant into swallowing a new version of "appeasement" of fascism he is badly mistaken.

No mother could wish for her children a more useful life and a more happy future than I wish for the first socialist country.

It's about time the Tories and isolationists got a fact like that from such a statesman as Eden.

R. L. G.

Too Marvelous for Words—

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Soviet Pavilion at the World's Fair is just too marvelous for words.

N. BROWN.

A Demonstration of What Man Can Accomplish—

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was awe-inspired by the grandeur of the Soviet Union Pavilion at the World's Fair. I felt such a close kinship for the World of Tomorrow as Russia exemplifies it. What a glorious lesson to the world which the Pavilion must be in its demonstration of what man can accomplish when he ceases to live as the beasts in the jungle.

No mother could wish for her children a more useful life and a more happy future than I wish for the first socialist country.

E. R.

Clear Away the Impediments—

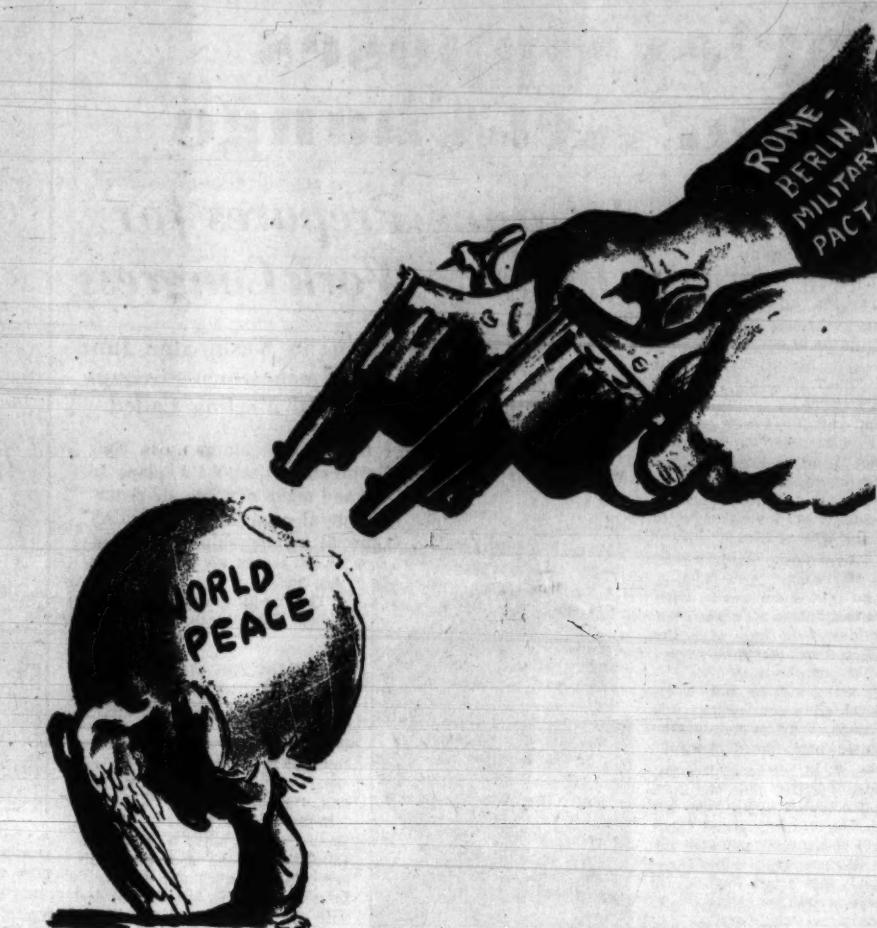
Editor, Daily Worker:

It's a glorious thing to see so many, who only a short while ago, were scornful of everything the "Daily" meant—fighting to help it live and grow.

fighting in their own way, by talking, by picketing,

THE HIGHWAYMEN

by Ellis



'National Debt Week'—A Scheme For Economic Collapse

The Hoover strategists of the Republican Party have pulled a new rabbit out of the hat called "national debt week." All week, they are going to do a song and dance over the radio and in the newspapers calling for a halt to Government spending in the name of "thrift."

Their idea of "thrift" is amazing. It consists in removing all taxes on Big Business, taking the 3,000,000 Americans now creating wealth on the WPA projects and firing them into the streets to starve, and blocking all useful Government projects in general. It consists of a plan to take away all farm aid, relief, to stop the various measures by which the Government is making efforts to keep buying power moving in the country.

The Hoover "thrift" boys sure picked a fine time to call for a halt in Government investment. They picked the moment when the business index of the nation is at the lowest point since last March. It has been dropping steadily since last December in almost a straight line.

The scheme to halt Government investments now, when Wall Street investment is at cellar levels would just about knock the bottom out of the buying power which keeps the present decline from becoming a nationwide collapse. The Republican scheme would do more; it would guarantee that there will be no upturn in the Summer or the Fall of this year by choking off the new orders on

which such an upturn might develop. The "stop-spending" drive of Big Business is thus a menace to the economic safety of the nation and individual welfare of millions of Americans.

Of course, their argument that the "national debt is hurting confidence," is a fake. How is it that Wall Street corporations increased their profits throughout 1938, and have paid out more than a billion dollars in dividends and bond interest in the last twelve weeks alone? Why didn't the rise in the national debt affect their profits during this time? If the debt is "too great" why are Government bonds selling at the highest levels in years?

The "national debt" racket is merely a cloak for a violent hatred of all New Deal social legislation. Instead of promoting confidence and stability, it is rocking the national boat at a crucial moment. It is as a matter of fact spreading fears, disorganization, and confusion among wide sections of the business community itself, especially among the merchants and independent business men whose ledgers show profits resulting from the Government's social investment program.

If ever there was a scheme for national misery and economic disaster, it is the latest propaganda of the Republican "national debt week." It should be called "national death week" instead.

Letters From Our Readers

Change the World



A Visit to a Little
Boarding School in
The Cuban Interior

By MIKE GOLD

SANTIAGO, Cuba.—I have always marvelled at those geniuses, including H. G. Wells and Poison Ivy Lee, who would spend exactly ten days in the Soviet Union, and then write a pontifical book on the subject. I have marvelled equally at the fools who would take such a book without a single grain of salt, as if it had any other value but that of a tourist's foggy impressions.

Here I am, a ten-day tourist in Cuba, a country one-hundredth the size of the Soviet Union. The more I see, the more I realize that it would take me a year to begin to understand this "small" country. Its problems have not only a peculiar local complexity, but they are tied up with many threads to the world situation, to world imperialism and international economics.

But I haven't the time to really study a single Cuban problem, and can only give a tourist's superficial glimpse of it.

For example, here is yesterday's itinerary. We set off for the high mountain regions that surround Santiago. Our first stop brought up the problem of education. It was at a boarding school established by American Baptist missionaries some years ago, in the little town named Cristo.

It is a sort of high school, and prepares young people for the universities. Such has been the low standard of Cuban education that many Catholic families sent their children here, because it is still the best in its kind in Cuba.

Many of the most progressive political leaders of Cuba have been educated here—including several leaders of the Communist Party, Jaime Baffi, outstanding Communist of the Santiago district, who guided us here, is a graduate. He has a deep affection for the school, and the teachers have the same for him. The students gathered in the main hall for our visit, and Jaime and the rest of us spoke.

"I love this old place," he said to them. "I owe to the fine American Baptists who founded it some of the guiding principles of my life. It is a school that has given Cuba some of its finest patriots. It is a school that has built character, humanity, honesty. We need many more such schools in Cuba."

THE imperialists, Spanish and American, and their Cuban stooges who ruled and robbed Cuba for them, never built schools. The Cuban people were meant only to be slaves—the less educated, the more profitable. Colonel Batista has introduced the first public school system in Cuba. All along the highways you see the new little buildings in every rural district. The teachers are young army sergeants. Batista was criticized for using army men, and he answered, truthfully enough, "In all their years of rule, these so-called civilians who protest against the army, never set up a school for the country children. Their protests, therefore, are so much bunk."

These schools I did not of course have time to investigate. I hear they are no better than our own rural school, but certainly they are a great beginning in Cuban progress.

Our next stop was at a sugar plantation. The season is over, but we went through the enormous sheds and saw all the complicated machines that crush the cane, and boil the syrup into brown crude sugar for export to the American refineries.

Then we visited a coffee plantation. After you have drunk coffee all your life, and somehow got the impression that it is born, like condensed milk, in tin cans, it is quite a thrill to see it a live thing that grows on bushes.

Coffee is a pretty red berry, like a small cherry, with sweet pulp that can be eaten. The coffee berry is really the seed in the berry. On the same branch there were these ripe red berries, of last season, also the swelling buds of the next crop. When the blossoms come out, you have all three on the same branch—bud, blossom and fruit. That is how rich the soil of Cuba can be.

The old man who owned the coffee farm was a Spanish peasant who had been drafted as a boy into the army and sent to fight the Cuban revolutionaries. He deserted to their side, however.

As we stood among his coffee bushes with the serene old veteran, someone pointed out that Jaime Baffi and Baisio Cueria, of our party, were Cubans who had forty years later crossed the Atlantic to fight for Spain.

"Yes," said the smiling and courteous old farmer, "each time brings its lessons of fighting for liberty. My heart has been with Spain, my mother-country, in this struggle. And you young Cubans who fought for my people have repaid me well."

THE LOUDSPEAKER

By Nemo

The present jurisdictional problems over television performers reveal clearly the crying need for labor unity in the field of radio and television. However, there is hope now that settlements and agreements can soon be reached between the four A. F. of L. unions. Much of the difficulty

On the Radio

MORNING
5:00-WCAF—Associated Press News
WQX—Consumers Hour
WFC—World War
9:05-WIZ—About Women
WZB—Women Make the News
9:30-WHR—U. P. News
10:00-WNYC—Board of Education Program
10:30-WMCA—Installation of New York City Archibald Spelman.
11:00-WNYC—Reporting the News of the World
11:45-WNYC—You and Your Health
12:00-MONON
12:30-WNYC—Organ Recital from World Fair: Temple of Religion.
13:15-WNYC—David Love, Stage and Screen
13:45-WFC—Trans-Radio News
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WZB—National Farm and Home
12:45-WOR—Consumers Quiz Club
12:55-WNYC—Townhall Club Luncheon.
1:05-WMC—Rene Leibowitz, Guest
1:30-WNYC—Opera Matinee
1:30-WNYC—Opera Matinee
2:15-WFWD—American Citizenship Court.
WZN—U. P. News
2:30-WMCA—World Fair: Interviews.
2:45-WNYC—Women's Rural Day at the World's Fair, Principal Address by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
3:00—According to Hoyte
WMCA—World's Fairest Music.
3:15-WABC—Yankees vs. Cleveland Indians
3:30-WNYC—Little Red Schoolhouse
WPA Program.
3:45-WOR—News and Views of Mass.
3:45-WOR-WINN—Dodge vs. Cincinnati.
4:00-WABC—Club Matinee.
WQXR—Music of the Moment.
4:15-WNYC—Hour of Symphonic Music.
5:00-WNYC—World's Fair.
WNYC—Concert Orchestra.
5:30-WABC—Highways to Health.
WZB—Concert Review.
5:45-WINN—News
WZB—Man About Town
EVENING
5:45-WOR—Uncle Tom.

Second Issue Of Skits and Sketches Out

SKITS AND SKETCHES. By various authors. 72 pages. New Theatre League. 50 cents.

This is the second collection of "Skits and Sketches" and it includes four numbers performed at various times by Cabaret Tac.

As the New Theatre League is the sponsor of the volume, it goes without saying that its content is progressive. Moreover, all the numbers are capable of being performed without difficulty by any competent amateur group. The quality of the sketches is, on the whole, fairly satisfactory. Included in the New Theatre League section are "Jewish Wife" by Bertold Brecht; "Limitations of Life" by Langston Hughes and Louis Davis; "Strange Fruit" by Lewis Allan, and a modern "Schnitzelbank." Many of the items have already proved their quality by being performed before they were printed. I must, however, confess that the anonymous "Waiting for Odets," one of the longest of all the selections, seemed to me an abysmal parody, which left me in vainly waiting for laughter.

The TAC sketches are "Down She Goes," by Allan Rivkin; "Liberty Station," by Robert Newman; "Speak Our Word," by Kenneth White, and "Xmas Party," by Mac Liebman. The first three all do a bit for progressive cabaret, but "Xmas Party" is in very questionable taste. Sam wants to go to a Christmas party for Hitler; his friends try to dissuade him; then comes the stage direction: "Sam goes to the hat tree to get his hat and coat—and as he turns, a huge sprig of mistletoe is seen pinned to the seat of his pants." Writers for the progressive theatre, while not losing their sense of humor, should be mindful of the dignity of their cause.

The collection in general, however, will undoubtedly serve, in the words of Will Geer's Foreword, "to enliven many a union meeting and progressive rally." J. C.

Juanita Hall at World's Fair

The Federal Negro Melody Singers, under the direction of Juanita Hall, former assistant conductor of the Hall Johnson Choir, will make three concert appearances in the WPA Building of the World's Fair this next week (May 21 to 27) as part of the fourteen free musical offerings of the Music Project on the Fair Grounds. Miss Hall's group will be heard in two concerts today at 4 and 8 P. M., and on Friday at 4 o'clock.

In addition to the concert of the Negro Melody Singers on Friday, another program of choral music, this time by the well-known Madrigal Singers under the direction of Lehman Engel, will be heard in the Hall at six o'clock.

Concerts by the Federal Knickerbocker Orchestra and the Federal Opera Company, in the Shell and Auditorium respectively, at 4 P. M. Saturday, complete the offerings of the Music Project for the week.

Writers Congress Party

Martha Dodd, Muriel Draper, Dawn Powell, Lillian Hellman, Vincent Sheean, and Albert Maltz are among those expected to attend the party being arranged by the League of American Writers for Wednesday May 24th at the American Labor Party Club, Hotel Algonquin. Proceeds will be used to help finance the Third American Writers Congress, which will be held by the League at Carnegie Hall and the New School for Social Research, June 2 through June 4.

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PRESS BOX

By SCORER

Is it the all-time all-star team? You only have to talk to the old-timers at the Yankee Stadium to know that there never has been a baseball nine like the 1939 Yankees. Their winning streak of May, earned without Gehrig or DiMaggio, has established the Barrow Boys as a remarkable baseball outfit. Stars eliminated, pitchers of other days worrying about their arms, the young Yanks went to town in the greatest demonstration of skill ever seen.

Outstanding in recent demonstrations of Yankee prowess has been the defensive skill of the infield. You have been taught to think of Murderers' Row, the homers without limit. Well, your 1939 Yanks have a glittering first baseman by the name of Babe Dahlgren, fast, lithe, sure-footed. They are talking of Joe Gordon last week as better than Eddie Collins ever was. I have seen him spear impossible grounders to stop sure hits. He muffed a ball and did a juggler's act against the White Sox the other day to retire a man at second. He hits with bullet-like precision at around .300. Give me Joe Gordon and I'll call him the all-time second baseman of the game.

As for shortstop, you've watched Frankie Crosetti for several years, but now with Joe Gordon at the top of his game, he scintillates. At pivoting on double plays he makes the average shortstop look average. As for Red Rolfe—he bunts, hits long, plays deep, plays short, scoops up dinky rollers, is sure on pops—as Arlie Lathan says, he's better than Jimmy Collins ever was.

The outfield defies description. Last week Joe DiMaggio was on the shelf and George Selkirk had burned his finger with iodine. That left the outfield to Charlie Keller, rookie, up for his first time; Tommy Henrich, long and short hitter and outstanding fielder; and young Joe Gallagher, 210-pound smacker to left. Speed, youth, strong arms, sure eyes and baseball instinct—what an outfield!

It happens that the catching staff consists of Bill Dixey. Now, Bill is no Hippodrome performer. He just catches everything including twisted foul, handles pitchers with verstand, and pitchers homers into right with a snake-like whistle. But on the bench is Buddy Rosar, called the all-time minor-league hitting star, a chap who can whistle those hits with some power.

So if Bill falls by the wayside, you have a coming star to take his place.

As for the pitching staff, Joe McCarthy has two complete four-men groups, each equally good. On top are Charlie Ruffing, the major league leader; Monte Pearson, curve specialist; Lefty Gomez, not quite right, but good enough to strike out seven Indians in six innings Sunday; and Bump Hadley, jug-handle curve-baller. As to the second string, Oral Hildebrand is at the top of his game; Atley Donald is ripening into stardom; wise old Wes Ferrell has regained much of the skill which made him a top-liner for years; and Johnny Murphy is probably the greatest living and performing relief specialist. And I wouldn't say that Steve Sundra, No. 9 on the staff, is a poor pitcher. Moreover, Squid Chandler, who broke his leg in an accident during the winter, will be ready in July.

Orioles, Yanks of '26, Red Sox of Speaker-Lewis-and-Hopper days, A's of 1913 and 1930—step aside. I give you the Yanks of 1939. They are a team which plays baseball such as you have seldom seen!

Y.C.L. Sports Front

Sammy Kaplan, League Builder and One of Country's Best Pro Basketball Players

Well, the column bore fruit and a lot of it was thrown at us. However, the criticism was well meant and certainly constructive, for which thanks a lot. We'll try to incorporate all suggestions. Since the set-up was well received, we're continuing our sketches with one of Sammy Kaplan, Sports Director of Kings County.

SAMMY KAPLAN

Word picturing lithe, six-footer "Kappy" must include the prominently heavy eyebrows that almost meet below a disturbed forehead, which in turn is topped off by perennially standing inch-high hair. And adding a square chin, friendly smile and seriously questioning eyes will help you recognize him at the next league get-together. Rating as one of the best pro-ball players in the country Sammy has helped utilize sports for the benefit of the progressive movement, such as games for refugees, etc. Too many league members however picture him as always playing basket-ball, never attending meetings and YCL'er in name only. This is not so, for Sammy is doing excellent day to day work IN the branch. Being to a great degree responsible for the growth of the biggest branch in the country, Fair Play. It was the familiar figure of Sammy speaking on street corners, marching on the picket line and lecturing on sports that helped him recruit more than 25 persons, some holding leading positions in Brooklyn's branches. And the one thing held most against him is that it is amongst those he helped recruit—was myself.

Despite an error letting in three runs, Astoria YCL beat the IWO 9-5 last Sunday. The game did not get a write-up in the Worker—the error having been made by Stan Kurman, Sports Writer—Girls! Attention. Go see our County Sports Director at once—for the coming girls' volleyball tournament of course—The State Softball Tournament, with 40 teams entered, got under way in Kings and Queens yesterday—with the other two counties scheduled to start in a few weeks. For scores and schedules watch the "Daily." There's talk of co-ed baseball teams in the small branches—Say, how about a name for this column and some news—Pete Cacchione base-

3 Come Back, 2 Socked

Three old favorites—Dizzy Dean, Lefty Grove and Ted Lyons—were back in the limelight today after three brilliant pitching performances on the Sabbath. Dean drew the No. 1 spot with a grand three-hitter against the Bees in his first start of 1939.

Grove, with a home run for himself and a 9-hitter against the Tigers, showed there's plenty of life left in his 39-year-old soupline. Lyons, going on to 39, notched his third straight with a 7-hit, 10-inning triumph over Washington.

But everything wasn't all sunshine and smiles along old-timers' row. Two old tried and true—Carl Hubbell and Lefty Gomez—got their lumps. Hubbell, his left arm still stiff from last week's 10-inning victory, was belted out in the third inning by the Pirates. He didn't have a thing. Gomez was shelled out in the seventh.

Dean's triumph far exceeded all expectations and breathed new life into the Cub's pennant hopes as they won 4-0. Relying largely on his slow stuff and a sweeping curve, Dean pitched to only 30 batters. He struck out two and walked none. He had the Bees topping the ball to the infield in the early innings driving short popups to the outfield as the game wore on. Dean, with his brilliant 5-inning relief job against Brooklyn last week, has now pitched 14 consecutive scoreless innings.

WHAT'S ON

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SPURS DAILY WORKER

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1939

Montanez Favored to Beat Day Tonite In Garden Battle for Armstrong Go

Pedro Seen Too Rugged for Plucky Chicago Lightweight

Pedro Montanez, hard-hitting Puerto Rican who has only lost one bout in America, is the logical favorite to beat Chicago's Davey Day at the Garden tonight in a clash which he hopes he will bring a summer bout for the welter weight with champion Henry Armstrong.

Pedro is younger, stronger and hits harder than the veteran who is just now emerging from the Barney Ross' limelight as a good fighter on his own right. All who saw him make a gallant 12 round stand against Armstrong however, know that Montanez will have a tough time of it tonight in what would be a thriller.

Ring Records

MONTANEZ

1938 RECORD

Feb. 7	Tony Spiegel	Won 10
Feb. 20	Norman Quigley	Won 10
Aug. 25	Tommy Cross	Draw 10
Aug. 26	Ray Napolitano	K.O. 3
Aug. 26	Orval Dresdall	K.O. 2
Sept. 2	Tommy Cross	Won 10
Dec. 8	Vincente Servino	K.O. 2
Dec. 13	Jimmy Fainini	K.O. 3
Dec. 31	Low Raymond	K.O. 3

RECAPITULATION

Boxts Engaged In	51
Knockouts	47
Won Decisions	35
Draw Decisions	3
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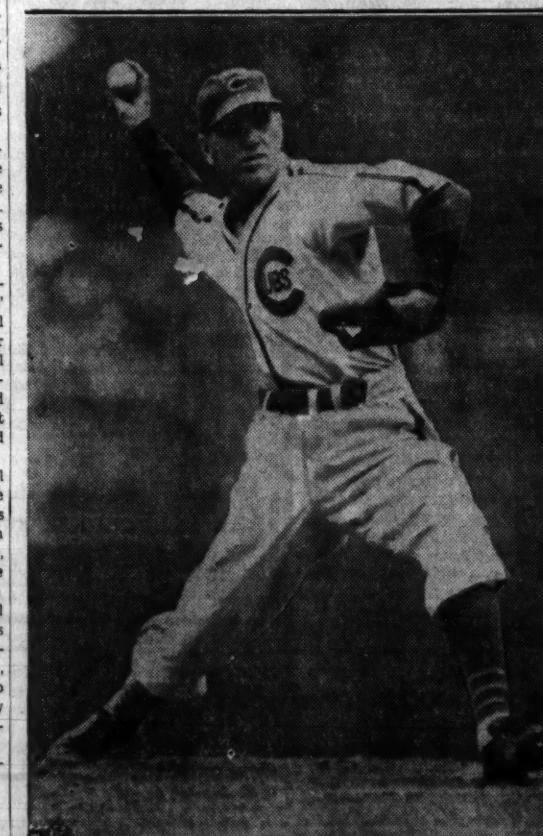
Mar. 2	Charles Gomez	Won 10
Mar. 23	Tommy Spiegel	Won 10
May 2	Pete Carr	Won 10
May 23	Norman Quigley	Won 10
Sept. 7	Harvey Woods	Won 10
Sept. 27	Wally Hally	Won 10
Oct. 3	Wally Lello	Won 10
Nov. 7	Harvey Woods	K.O. 10
Dec. 13	Howard Scott	Won 10

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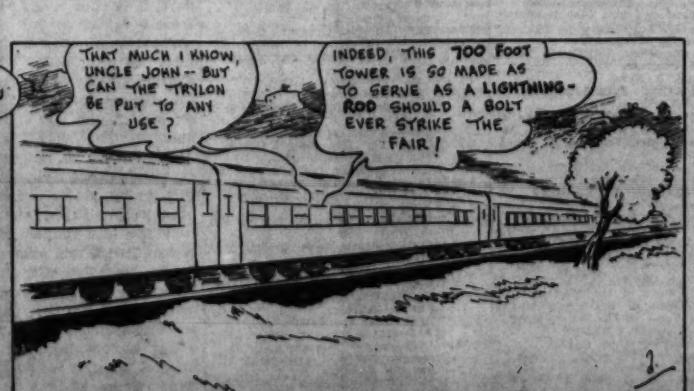
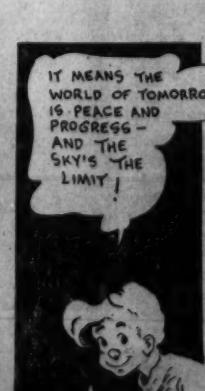
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Sports Editor Lester Rodney's hard-hitting articles can't be missed by any sports fan.

Diz Really Coming Back?



LITTLE LEFTY



HELPING MICHIGAN TO BIG 10 TITLE



Reds Trim Dodgers For 7th Straight; Giants 9, Pirates 1

The Cincinnati Reds maintained their red-hot pace in the National League as they ran off their seventh straight victory today, 6-3 over the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Lee Grissom and Gene Thompson held the Dodgers to eight hits. Grissom chalked up his third win of the season although he needed help from Thompson in the ninth after he walked Fred Sington and was rapped for a triple by Dolph Camilli. Thompson retired the side without trouble except for Tuck Stainback's weak hit to third base.

Ernie Lombardi, whose eighth winning double sent in two runs, led the Reds' attack with two hits, driving in three runs. Louie Frey homered for Cincinnati in the sixth and Dolph Camilli for the Dodgers in the seventh.

GIANTS WIN

Hal Schumacher went the route for the first time this season and pitched the New York Giants into sixth place and a 9-2 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates. Every man in the lineup hit safely as the Giants collected 12 hits off three moundmen, bunching four in the fourth and four runs and enough to win. Schumacher's single drove in two in this frame.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Baltimore	000	000	000—0/0 0
Cleveland	001	001	000—0/0 0
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NEW YORK	000	000	000—0/0 0
Pittsburgh	000	000	000—0/0 0
DETROIT	000	000	000—0/0 0
MINNEAPOLIS	000	000	000—0/0 0
BROOKLYN	000	000	000—0/0 0
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